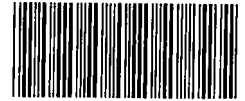


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Attn: NPL Staff

Dear Mr. Wyer:

On January 15, 1987 the EPA proposed to add the Pigeon Point Landfill, located in New Castle, Delaware, to the National Priorities List. The site is managed by my firm's client, the Delaware Solid Waste Authority. By this letter I am requesting on behalf of D.S.W.A. an extension of the period within which to submit comments on the proposal.

The D.S.W.A. did not receive a copy of the final HRS report until February 13, 1987, despite requesting it weeks sooner. On February 13, 1987, the D.S.W.A. met with several EPA officials from Region III who advised the D.S.W.A. that the EPA routinely allows interested parties to submit comments well past the official comment period, and considers those comments as if they had been timely filed.

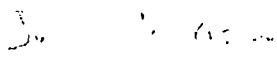
I anticipate that D.S.W.A. will submit comments after the official deadline. Given the complexity of the issues involved and the need to carefully evaluate the data, assumptions and methodology applied in the Hazard Ranking System, as well as the considerable regulatory history of the site, D.S.W.A. will not be in a position to provide meaningful input before the deadline passes.

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Thus by this letter I am requesting either a formal extension of the comment period or simply an acknowledgment that D.S.W.A.'s comments will be carefully considered even though filed late.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours truly,


Jeremy W. Homer

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